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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION ON PRESIDENTIAL TRIP

CZECH MEDIA REACTION PRESIDENTIAL TRIP SO FAR LIMITED TO LISTING ITINERARY. LOCAL EMPHASIS IS ON RUSSIAN ROLE IN BRINGING CSCE TALKS OFF. RUDE PRAVO, MAIN PARTY DAILY, SAID JULY 24 "SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, PRIMARILY THE USSR, TAKE THE DECISIVE CREDIT FOR HAVING MADE THE IDEA OF COLLECTIVE EUROPEAN SECURITY TRUE. IN FACT, THE USSR PROPOSED TO SET UP A SYSTEM OF COLLECTIVE SECURITY IN EUROPE LONG AGO, BUT CAPITALIST COUNTRIES REJECTED THE IDEA SINCE THEY PROMOTED THEIR NARROW CLASS INTERESTS. THE MEETING OF HEADS OF STATE OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, THE U.S., AND CANADA IN HELSINKI IS AN EXPRESSION OF THE NEW SITUATION IN EUROPE. THE CONFERENCE ITSELF IS A RESULT OF THE JOINTLY COORDINATED FOREIGN POLICY OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND FOLLOWS UP ON THE SYSTEM OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS CREATED BY SOCIALIST COUNTRIES THROUGH THE YEARS."

COMMENT: LOCAL REACTION TO DATE IS VINTAGE BOILERPLATE, WITH MENTION OF PRESIDENTIAL TRIP AND US ROLE AT HELSINKI ALMOST NON-EXISTENT, DESPITE FACT THAT US AMBASSADOR TO GOC PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN PREPARING GROUNDWORK FOR CONFERENCE OVER LAST TWO YEARS. PREDICTABLY, LOCAL PARTY PAPER TAKES ITS CLUES FROM TASS, AND OTHER MEDIA FALL IN LINE. IN THIS REGARD, CSCE PRESENTED AS PART OF MASSIVE SOVIET EFFORT TO ESTABLISH NEW POLITICAL ORDER

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WAR II. AS MATERIAL ON FORD ROLE AND TRIP BECOMES AVAILABLE, WE
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